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JGFDS-PR-301 COUNTY SUPPORTS LOCAL LATINO ARTISTS, HOSTS EXHIBIT FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DAN FLORES AT (909) 387-4565

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County Government Center showcases local Latino artists, hosts exhibit

SAN BERNARDINO – Local Latino artists can have their work displayed at the San Bernardino County Government Center beginning today. In commemoration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the center will host an art exhibit by the Inland Empire Latino Art Association (IELAA).

"Artistic expression is the soul of our culture. It has always helped bring people together and is a vital piece of our community. If we want to achieve our vision for San Bernardino County, it must include a broad and stable support for the arts," said Supervisor Josie Gonzales.

The exhibit, located at 385 N. Arrowhead Ave. in downtown San Bernardino, is open until Nov. 29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Residents are encouraged to submit their artwork for display.

Rudy Ramirez, IELLA president, is a longtime local of the Inland Empire and retired painter.

"There's a lot of good talent here in the Inland Empire. As a group we stress education, especially for the young kids—let them know they can make a living doing the arts. A lot of people try to say you cant do this and that, but the way we see it is don't let anybody tell you you can't do it—because you can," said Ramirez.

"If you have the desire, you can do anything."

For more information about submitting artwork for display, contact Rudy Ramirez at (951) 544-1723, email: trampramirez@yahoo.com or Brad Borrero (909) 382-7626, email: bborrero@sbcda.org.